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The British Apollo:

OR,

Curious Amuſements for the INGENIOUS.

To which are Added the moſt

Material Occurrences Foreign and Domeſtick.

Perform'd by ſome of the Society of GENTLEMEN, Concern'd in the Firſt and Second VOLUME, with the Aſſiſtance of other Ingenious PERSONS.

From Wednesday December 27th. to Friday December 29th. 1710.

WHEREAS the Subſcribers to this [illegible] (laſt Quarter) paid their Money to a Servant of the Proprietors; it being too much Trouble for one to gather in the ſame; you are therefore deſired to pay it to the Men as formerly, who will give you a Printed Receipt for the ſame, Sign'd by,

T. May.

GENTLEMEN,

Q. *WHAT is your Opinion of the Ordination of* Presbyters *alone? Is it valid or not, and what are your Reaſons for or againſt its validity? And laſtly, what are the eſſential differences between a Biſhop and a Presbyter, and how do you prove thoſe eſſential differences? Your plain and ample deciſion of this matter will put an end to a great many Controverſies between honeſt Church of* England *Men and* Presbyterians, *and in particular, fix the wavering Sentiments of*

Gentlemen,

Your Admirer, PHILALETHES.

A. Of the validity of Ordination by *Presbyters* alone where Epiſcopal Authority is utterly excluded: we ſhall not here diſpute. But where Epiſcopal Authority prevails we ſhall make no Difficulty of pronouncing the Ordination of Miniſters by any other Perſon than the Biſhop himſelf and thoſe appointed by him, to be as an Act of Uſurpation, ſo in it ſelf invalid, for this Reaſon, which Nature it ſelf dictates; that no Man ought to aſſume to himſelf any Office in any Society, but he that is deſigned to it by him that hath the Supreme Power in it, nor conſequently in the Church, which is the Society of the Faithful, but he that is called as was *Aaron*, that is, hath either received an immediate Commiſſion from God, which is ſeldom now pretended to by any but *Enthuſiaſts*; or mediately from them who immediately received it from God. For the ſame Reaſon no Man ought to go beyond the Extent of his Commiſſion. A Deacon muſt not take upon himſelf the Power of a [illegible], nor a *Presbyter* that of a Biſhop. But the [illegible] and moſt Apoſtolick Part of the Epiſcopal Power is invaded by the *Presbyter*, when beyond his Commiſſion he takes upon himſelf the Power of Ordaining. All other Parts of the Miniſterial Function he may lawfully and effectually exerciſe by Virtue of the Commiſſion which the Biſhop gave him. He may Preach, Baptize, conſecrate the Sacrament, bind and looſe, Viſit and Pray over the Sick, but to ordain or communicate Power to others is the ſole Act of him, that hath Supreme Authority in the Church, which is the Biſhop: And for any elſe to pretend to this is ſuch an Act of Uſurpation, as a Subject wou'd exerciſe, who, having only a limited Commiſſion granted to him by his Sovereign, ſhou'd thereupon pretend to diſpoſe of any Offices of State he think fit, and aſſume the whole Regal Power. And the invading of the Epiſcopal Authority wou'd be attended with the ſame Confuſion and miſchievous Conſequences in the Church, as of the Regal in the State. As for the Difference between a Biſhop and a *Presbyter*, that lies only in the Extent of their Commiſſion under Chriſt, the Supreme Head of the Church, which we have already explained, and in ſome of our former Papers proved.

Q. Gentlemen, *I am one, who loves very much the Company of Ladies, and having great Opportunities whereby I may come acquainted with ſome of the greateſt Beauties, as alſo the beſt Fortunes of this City, only I am altogether a ſtranger to Complements, which is certainly very neceſſary for one to know who is much in Company with Women, and being likewiſe a little Baſhful makes me when I am in Company with them ſit very Silent, when I have a great Inclination to ſpeak. Now, Gentlemen, I deſire you will*

lay me down grounds whereby I can make my ſelf acceptable in my Converſation with the Fair Sex and let me know what Subjects are moſt proper to entertain them with. Your Advice and ſpeedy Anſwer in this matter will highly Oblige,

Gentlemen,

Your moſt Humble Servaut, R. M.

A. To teach you Addreſs, and to give you aſſurance therein to the Fair Sex, the firſt ſtep may be to frequent the Modern Comedies, we mean ſo far, as not to be injurious to your Affairs, or ſhew an immoderate proſecution of them: They (if they are, as they ought to be) will inſtruct you in the moſt refin'd Language and modiſh Phraſes: For it is neceſſary, for you to be acquainted with the Theory of Converſation, before you too freely enter on the Practice of it; but take care you Addreſs not your Miſtreſs Verbatim in the Language of the Play, leaſt inſtead of your convincing her of your Paſſion, ſhe only apprehends you are Mimicking a Player's part, and perhaps may Murder it too. Next go to *Tunbridge*, and other Places, where the Ladies reſort; they will give you caſual Opportunities to enter on Converſation with the Fair Sex; which will be eaſier at firſt for your Behaviour, than in deſign'd Rencounters, for in ſuch, Expectations are rais'd, perhaps beyond what may be for your advantage. When you come to Aſſociate with them, in a more particular manner, beware how you ſerve up to them, the old pall'd Meſs, of Fires, Flames, Darts, Altars, Shrines, *&c.* which Prentice-Boys ſtock their Memories with out of Academies of Complements to be Laugh'd at for them, when they firſt appear to act their Parts, in Young Women's Company: But let your Diſcourſes be on ſomething *a propos*, to the Time, Place, Occaſion, *&c.* For which you will find many Opportunities will offer them ſelves; but above all avoid preparing ſet Speeches before hand; ſince when you appear among them, you may find occaſion for their Reverſe, or at leaſt, for matters wide of them; and then your Thoughts being fill'd with thoſe Images, there will be no room to entertain other Idea's, and ſo your utterance wholly impeded. But you muſt be ſure to intermix ſome matters, which may teſtify your Reſpects to them and Senſe of their Merit, but not in ſuch an extravagant manner, as may perſuade them, the whole is a Banter on them, nor appear as if prepar'd before-hand, but on ſome circumſtance naturally ariſing from a preſent occaſion. Be ſure to avoid not only the leaſt umbrage of Obſcenity, but any thing like a double entendre that way, as the moſt infallible marks of ill breeding, which muſt of neceſſity enjoyn them for ever to baniſh your Company; yet not on the other Hand, to pretend to more Baſhfulneſs than them, for that were to accuſe their Virtue. But the Converſation of Ingenious Ladies it ſelf will inſpire you with more Subjects for Diſcourſe, than can be dictated to you, or if it does not it will ſhew your Capacity too narrow to be otherwiſe inſtructed in them.

Q. Gentlemen, *I was for ſeveral Years ſo averſe to Marriage, that I was Number'd amongſt thoſe they call Marriage haters, but of late I have chang'd my Opinion in ſome degree, and begin to think it is a Condition may be endur'd. But what I can give no account for, is, that I am very much alter'd every way beſides, both in Body and Mind: I us'd to be diſh'd out for a nice Beau, and gave my ſelf Airs accordingly, now I grow Slovenly and care not what Cloaths I wear; and as for Airs, I contemn every Body that attempts 'em. I us'd to be ſprightly in Converſation, and not very unapt at Repartee, now I grow heavy and ſcarce can bear a Jeſt: I was always eaſy, Courteous, Obliging, now I am Sower, Moroſe, and apt to Quarrel with my own Shadow, any thing pleas'd me before, now nothing can. Poetry and Muſick wonderfully delighted me, now they are my averſion; nor can I hear a Ballad Singer, but I am ready to throw Stones at his Head. I, that had a Stomach for every thing, now nothing is grateful to me: Beſides all this, my Dreams are continually diſturb'd, with Alarms, Quarrels and Fighting, I cannot deviſe what the Devil ails me, except I am poſſeſs'd by the Devil* Love, *for you muſt know, I lately ſaw a Young Woman, the ſight of whom, I cou'd bear again, and yet a Glaſs of Wine, baniſhes her from my Thought. Now, pray,* Gentlemen, *give your Opinion in this nice, critical Caſe.*

A. You are doubtleſs miſtaken in the ſuggeſtion, that theſe whimſical Effects ariſe from *Love*, for that inclines to reverſe of all you have inform'd us in. To be courteous, obliging, to dreſs well, to be ſprightly in Converſation, to pleaſing Dreams, to Poetry, Muſick, *&c.* We rather believe the change of your Opinion relating to Marriage, has ſo work'd upon your Imagination, that you begin really to believe you are Married; becauſe all the Circumſtances you recite, appear the uſual Effects of Matrimony, in ſuch Diſpoſitions, as yours appears to be. To be better ſatisfy'd we adviſe you e'en boldly to venture on that State, your Caſe cannot be worſe, than it now ſeems to be, and poſſibly it may be better.

POEMS.

BIBLIOTHECA-BOD

Q. IF *in a good Humour,*
Sir Phœbus *you are,*
I'll ask you a Queſtion,
Pray Anſwer with Care;
Altho' I confeſs it is Odd,
For us who live here,
In Ign'rance below,
And what to enquire
Of each other ſcarce know,
Shou'd we ask ſuch a thing of a God.

However your Pardon
I will not much doubt,
Or if you won't grant it,
I muſt go without,
And little concern'd ſhall appear,
Since many I've known
To beſtow a round Curſe,
On your early Riſing,
Yet were not the worſe,
Or ſo much as ſhockt by the Fear.

My Queſtion is this,
What's the reaſon that you
So little regard
To Great Holydays *ſhew :*
Since all People both Great and Small ;
As well the High States,
As the Low little Schools,
The Grave and the Wiſe,
As the Airy Young Fools,
At Chriſtmas break up *even all.*

For You *not to make one,*
In that merry Scene,
But ſtill to druge on, appears
Slaviſh and mean ;
And to little purpoſe is done :
For on what occaſion
About do you roam,
Except 'tis for Lighting
Of poor Drunkards home,
Which then's all the Uſe of the Sun.

Yet, tho' few may note it
Beſides, we believe,
Another ſtrong reaſon,
You know how to give,
At leaſt 'twill ſerve for your Defence,
That then you are buſy,
And ſcamper about,
Sometimes 'ith' in a Cloud,
To gather your Quarterly Pence.

Yet, when all the Day thus
In Labour is ſpent,
From earlieſt Riſing,
To lateſt Deſcent,
You've leiſure for Revels at Night :
And that is the Seaſon,
Which Mortals opine,
Does give the beſt reliſh,
To Mirth and to Wine,
Now ſay, am I not in the Right.

A. We've reaſon ſometimes,
To repent we beſtow,
The Rays of our Light,
On Poor wretches below,
Who ne'er the leaſt benefit find
Who tho' they have Eyes,
We may juſtly ſuppoſe.
They ſee not one Inch,
'Yond the End of their Noſe
And therefore are Stupidly Blind.

Can you think, Poor Creatures,
Who without Relief,
Muſt ſink by the Load,
Of your Labours and Grief,
The *Gods* Relaxation require :
When 'tis certain, that
Their *Eternity* is,
One Endleſs bright Scene,
Of moſt extatic Bliſs,
Reaping all the Joys they deſire.

Hadſt thou the leaſt Umbrage
Of Reaſon or Senſe,
Thou'dſt Talk not thus Dully
Of Quarterly Pence ;
But rather our Shrine wou'd implore,
To raiſe your poor Fancy,
To ſomething ſublime,
More worthy our Selves,
And more worthy the *Time*,
In *Thoughts*, you conceived not before.

All *Images*, which
With the *Seaſon* may ſuit,
Not on Drunken Bowls,
Which diſcover the Brute ;
But on that Bright *Glory*, which now
In Triumph came down,
From Munificent *Heeven* :
The Joy of the Skies,
And *Salvation* of Men,
Before whom all Powers do bow.

This Theam will exalt,
And diſtinguiſh your *Muſe*,
And Glorious Ideas,
And Notions Infuse ;
And when you ſhall thus be reſign'd,
You'll look with contempt,
On ſuch dull wretched matter,
Which now is Ridiculous
Whimſeys you ſmatter,
'S beneath a *Poetical Mind.*

SIR,

THE Letters from the Hague, Jan. 2d. Adviſe that the Duke of Marlborough deſigns to go hence to Morrow, in order to imbark for England, if the Wind be fair ; that M. Collier, Ambaſſador of that State at Conſtantinople, has ſent hither his Secretary Expreſs to acquaint their High Mightyneſſes that on the 19th of November the Grand Signior cauſed War to to be declared againſt the Muſcovites : Which Reſolution was taken in Compliance with the Deſires of the Janiſaries, who had been ſet on by the French and Swediſh Faction; that this News gave Occaſion to the Count de Werthern, Miniſter of King Auguſtus Elector of Saxony, to renew his Inſtantces that the Troops deſign'd to preſerve the Neurality in the Nothern Parts of the Empire

might

might be ordered to march, to the End the Body of Swediſh Troops commanded by General Craſſau in Pomerania may be deterred from invading the Territories of Poland or Saxony; while purſuant to the Alliance between the Czar and King Auguſtus, the latter ſends what Troops of his own he has in Poland to the Frontier of Turkey.

Which is all from Yours, &c.

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AT the Office of Inſurance on Marriage, in *Bolt-Court*, *Fleet-Street*, any Perſon by Paying 2 *s.* for a Policy, Stamps and Entrance, and 2 *s.* towards each Marriage, until their own, may ſecure to themſelves 200. *Note*, Ten Perſons, for 4 *l.* 6 *s.* by them paid, received above 390 *l.* and Two others, in 14 Days will receive near 200 *l.* and after that time each Claim will amount to above 120 *l.* which will be daily more and more, till full, which ſufficiently ſhews the Advantages of this Office are much greater than any other of this kind pretend to.

A General Meeting of the Subſcribers was held at *Sadler's-Hall*, in *Cheapſide*, on *Thurſday*, *October* the 19, 1710, and a Second Six Truſtees were added to the former, to whom Security is given, puſuant to the Propoſals which may be had *Gratis*, at the Office.

AT the Faithful Office of Inſurance at the Widow Pratt's Coffee-Houſe, in Cat-Eaton-Street, by St. Lawrence's-Church, nigh Guild-Hall; were lately opened Two Subſcriptions upon Marriage, One of 5 *s.* which entitles the Inſurer to 500 *l.* and the Other 2 *s.* 6 *d.* which entitles the Inſurer to 250 *l.* and as many as Inſure in both, will be entitled to 750 *l.* provided the Societies be compleat, otherwiſe in proportion. Note, any Perſon, if they come ſpeedily may enter upon 3 Months. ——— At the ſame Place, are open'd Two Subſcriptions on Births of Children, One of 5 *s.* and the Other 2 *s.* 6 *d.* where the Subſcribers will be entitled to the reſpective Summs above mentiond. In both theſe Societies on Births, any Perſon may enter upon 6 Weeks or 2 Months, and ſo on to 5 Months and no further, by which means theſe Offices will undoubtedly ſubſiſt and be carried on from Year to Year. Note, that herein, we do not oblige any Perſon to Baptize their Children, but only to bring a Certificate that the Child liv'd 24 Hours after its Birth. Propoſals may be had Gratis, at the Office, where conſtant Attendance is given.

FROM the Office of Inſurance on Marriage, in King's Head Court, in Petticoat Lane, near Biſhopſgate Street.

Notice is hereby given, that ſince the Death of Mr. Tho. Edwards late Director of this Office, the ſame is continued by his Widow and Adminiſtratrix, where daily Attendance is given, and Policies delivered out as uſual.

N. *B.* This Office hath met with ſuch ſucceſs, that above Fourteen hundred Perſons have already ſubſcribed, and it not doubted but it will be compleat within five or ſix Weeks, at which time they begin to pay Claims; the ſaid Mr. Edwards having, before his death, cauſed 12 Truſtees to be choſen or elected at Sadler's-Hall, to whom Security is given, according to the Articles of Settlement, and the ſaid Truſtees are reſolved to ſupport and encourage the ſaid Widow and Adminiſtratrix in this lawful Undertaking.

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MR. *Roger Grant*, OCULIST and OPERATOR, in Extraordinary to Her MAJESTY, who has been ſo ſucceſsful in Couching the Cataract and Curing all other Curable Diſtempers in the Eyes, lives in St. *Chriſtopher's Church-Yard*, where he has lately brought to Sight theſe Perſons under-nam'd. *Wil. Jones*, at *Newington-Butts*, born blind, brought to Sight in 5 minutes. *Suſan Barns*, at Mr. *Haunches*, in the *Broad-way Weſtminſter*, blind 11 Years, brought to Sight in 3 minutes. *Mary Dearing*, in *Swan-Yard* near *Newgate*, aged 75 Years, reſtored to Sight in one Minute. *Elizabeth Wild*, in *Bell-Alley Goſwell-Street*, blind of one Eye 23 Years, reſtored to Sight in 5 minutes. *William Dixon*, in *Chelſea-College*, aged 87, reſtor'd to Sight in 5 minutes. *John Myers* on *Saffron Hill*, blind by Obſtruction of the *Optick Nerves*. A Gentlewoman whoſe Mother lives at Juſtice *Conſtables* in *Goodman's-Fields*, the ſame. Mrs. *Jackſon* in *Wood's-Cloſe*, the ſame. Mr. *Williams*, in *Peter-Street Old-Scho*. *Anne Andrews* in *Goſwell-Street*. *Saywell Lathan*, at *Adam's Coffee Houſe Chancery-Lane*. *Anne Allen*, in *Nightingal Lane*. NOTE, Theſe with 235 others have been Cur'd ſince *Sept.* 1708 by the aforeſaid Mr. *Grant*.

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